

# Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc

## NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

### President's report

Hi Members

We are fast approaching the **silly season for orchid growers**, with overgrown **plants needing re-potting**, while at the same time **preparing plants for the numerous shows** – including our Spring Show. Our August meeting was once again well attended, with a great showing of quality plants – thank you again for all who participated.

**We are fortunate to have a number of new members**, and hopefully we can help them gain more satisfaction from their collection. While gaining knowledge on the finer points of orchid growing is important and interesting, there is nothing like first-hand experience. **If you are a new member**, I encourage you to make the most of your membership – **bring your flowering plants to our meetings and talk to the experts** about how to improve your plants. This applies both to our regular monthly meetings and the bi-monthly New Growers meetings.

**Several members benched plants at the recent Maroochydore Club show** (see page 8), and a number were successful in winning awards. Thank you to all those members who supported the Maroochydore club and congratulations to those who took home ribbons. We look forward to seeing many of their members at our Show.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Jim Evans**; Jim made a **significant contribution to the growing of orchids in South East QLD**; having been a member and president of the Gympie club for many years. Jim was a **prolific breeder of Cattleyas** with many named crosses and awarded plants. Hopefully most of our members are growing and flowering one or more of Jim's orchids. The club has been buying plants from Jim for re-sale at our shows, and for raffle plants, now for several years. Jim's wife, Leanne, intends continuing his collection, and we will have a further selection for sale at our Spring Show. Look for them on the sales table.

We had a **great day at the August New Growers meeting at Deb and Bob Shield's** (see page 7). They are truly expert growers and the question-and-answer session went on for quite some time with a wealth of information flowing backwards and forwards. Deb's arranging for the house to shake right in the middle of the Q&A session set a new high for these meetings. Shirley Flower was heard to say, "How do I top that?"

As mentioned, **September will be a busy month**, starting with **our meeting on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**. The **STOCQ Orchidfest is also on that same weekend**. This is a major event, hosted in turn by member clubs – this time Nambour club. Benching is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 5pm.

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Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Members

# Calendar of events 2025

## August

29-30	Childers & Isis OS Spring Show	
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## September

<b>6</b>	<b>NDO&amp;FS meeting</b>	<b>Tinbeerwah Hall</b>
6-7	Orchidfest and STOCQ meeting hosted by Nambour	114 Sportsman's Parade, Bokarina
11-13	Maryborough DOS show	
12-13	Caboolture (closed) show	Caboolture Square
<b>18</b>	<b>1pm setup; 3-5pm bench</b>	<b>Cooroy Memorial Hall</b>
<b>19-20</b>	<b>Noosa DO&amp;FS</b>	<b>" " "</b>
20-21	Rockhampton Orchid Society show	Robert Schwarten Pavilion, Rocky Show Grounds
26-27	Glasshouse Orchid Society show	
26-28	Hervey Bay Orchid Show	Xavier Catholic College, Eli Waters

## October

1-5	Australian Orchid Conference and show	Wilgugla Sports Complex, Woolgoolga NSW
<b>4</b>	<b>NDO&amp;FS meeting:</b> Demonstration of de-flasking, members then get to pot up these baby orchids and take one home.	<b>Tinbeerwah Hall</b>
10-11	Bribie Orchid Society Show	Bribie Island
<b>11</b>	<b>Bus trip: Bribie show &amp; nursery</b>	<b>Bribie, Robertson's Nursery</b>

## November

1	<b>NDO&amp;FS and AGM meeting</b>	<b>Tinbeerwah Hall</b>
8	Nambour Species Show	Buderim Uniting Church Hall

## December

7	<b>NDO&amp;FS Christmas lunch</b>	<b>Cooroy RSL</b>
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### NEXT MEETING: 6 September, TINBEERWAH HALL

12.40pm: all plants must be benched – 1.30pm: meeting starts (agenda available on arrival)

## JUDGES' CHOICE August 2025

**Mini Cattleya Under 70mm**  
*Rth.* Burdekin Starbright X *Rlc.*  
 Shin Shiang Diamond  
 T & D Lyons



**Cattleya Interm. 70-100mm**  
*Rlc.* Maris Magic 'Chief  
 Satisfaction'  
 T & D Lyons



**Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm**  
*Rlc.* Greenwich 'Emhurst'  
 J & G Menkens



**Cattleya Cluster**  
*Ctt.* Unknown  
 T & D Lyons



**Cattleya Novelty**  
*Bc.* Yellow Bird 'Rothwell'  
 B Quinn



**Dendrobium Alliance**  
*Den.* Bubble Gum  
 T & D Lyons



**Natives**  
*Den.* Issy's Star X *Den.* *speciosum*  
 T & D Lyons



**Phalaenopsis**  
*Phal.* Charming Crystal Water  
 B & D Shield



**Species**  
*Coel.* *wenzelii*  
 D Hunter



**Vanda Alliance**  
*Van.* Azure  
 B & D Shield



**Oncidium Alliance**  
*Wil.* Aloha Kapoha  
 L Walters



**Cymbidium**  
*Cym.* Nutty Tom 'Honey'  
 J & G Menkens



<p><b>Other Genera</b> Coel. Unchained Melody D Jensen</p> 	<p><b>Epidendrum</b> Epi. Comet Valley Orange X Epi. Pacific Candypops 'Two Tone' J &amp; G Menkens</p> 	<p><b>Novice</b> Coelogyne stricta S Potter</p> 
<p><b>Bromeliad</b> Till. Tectorum N Bettridge</p> 	<p><b>Anthurium</b> Black Queen N Bettridge</p> 	<p><b>Ferns</b> Adiantum Fragrans T &amp; C Cook</p> 
<p><b>Foliage</b> Calathea Pinstripe J &amp; G Menkens</p> 	<p><b>Welcome</b> to our new members <b>Susan Lancaster</b> <b>Jean Tulloch</b></p> <p><i>We encourage all members to bench plants at our meetings and at our Spring Orchid Show. Please ask any of our committee for advice if you are unsure about benching or have a problem plant.</i></p>	

### President's report (cont. from Page 1)

The show is open from 8.30am to 4pm on Saturday and 8.30am to 2.30pm on Sunday. There are also opportunities to **enter orchid-based art for judging**. Full details on the Nambour web site. annual event. While this overlaps with our meeting, **all members are encouraged to support our sister club** in their hosting of this annual event. No doubt it will be our turn soon.

Two weeks later it is **our major show!** **Julie has a roster** where you can indicate the areas that you will help. In the meantime, please look for ways you can **help Fay with the publicity** for this event. Julie has **lots of fliers**, laminated or not; A4 or A5. And, we need **boxes and newspaper** for the sales desk.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Regards, Trevor

## POPULAR VOTE August 2025

Class	1ST	2ND	3RD
<b>Mini Cattleya Under 70mm</b>	<i>Lc. Purple Cascade</i> ‘Beauty of Perfume’ D. Jensen	<i>C. Unknown</i> J & G Menkens <i>Rth. Burdekin Starbright</i> X <i>Rlc. Shin Shiang Diamond</i> T & D Lyons	<i>Ctt. Trick or Treat</i> X <i>C. Topaz Acclaim</i> T & D Lyons
<b>Cattleya Intermedia 70-100mm</b>	<i>Rlc. Toshie’s Magic</i> Hsinying L Walters	<i>Rlc. Village Chief</i> Chanel ‘Chief Pearl’ J & G Menkens	<i>Rlc. Maris Magic</i> ‘Chief Satisfaction’ T & D Lyons
<b>Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm</b>	<i>Rlc. Greenwich</i> ‘Emhurst’ J & G Menkens	<i>Rlc. John Green</i> ‘Lyrebird’ J. Simmons	<i>Rlc. Redlands Beauty</i> X <i>C. Platinum Sun</i> L Walters
<b>Cattleya Cluster</b>	<i>Ctt. Unknown</i> T & D Lyons	—	—
<b>Cattleya Novelty</b>	<i>Bc. Yellow Bird</i> ‘Rothwell’ B Quinn	<i>Bc. Yellow Bird</i> ‘Rothwell’ N Bettridge	—
<b>Dendrobium Alliance</b>	<i>Den. Bubble Gum</i> T & D Lyons	—	—
<b>Natives</b>	<i>Den. Issy’s Star</i> X <i>Den. speciosum</i> T & D Lyons	<i>Den. Elegant Heart</i> L Walters	<i>Den. Esme Poulton</i> ‘Tinonee’ L Walters
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>	<i>Phal. Unknown</i> L Beare	—	—
<b>Species</b>	<i>Coel. tenellum</i> D Hunter	<i>Coel. wenzelii</i> D Hunter	<i>Phal. amabilis</i> B & D Shield
<b>Vanda Alliance</b>	<i>Vasco. Azure</i> B & D Shield	<i>V. Yano Blue</i> J & G Menkens	<i>Aerides houlettiana</i> X <i>V. Christensonia vietnamica</i> J & G Menkens
<b>Oncidium Alliance</b>	<i>Wil. Aloha Kapoha</i> L Walters	—	—
<b>Cymbidium</b>	<i>Cym. Nutty Tom</i> ‘Honey’ J & G Menkens	—	—
<b>Other Genera</b>	<i>Coel. Unchained Melody</i> D Jensen	<i>Ansellia africana</i> ‘Mt Millais Strain’ X <i>Ansellia africana</i> ‘Select’ D Jensen	<i>Pheal. Kryptonite</i> B & D Shield
<b>Epidendrum</b>	<i>Epi. Comet Valley Orange</i> X <i>Epi. Pacific Candypops</i> ‘Two Tone’ J & G Menkens	<i>Epi. Wedding Valley</i> J & G Menkens	—
<b>Novice</b>	<i>Coelogyne stricta</i> S. Potter	—	—

<b>Bromeliad</b>	Till. Ionantha Fuego J & G Menkens	Till. Tectorum N Bettridge	Till. Ionantha Pink Champagne N Bettridge
<b>Anthurium</b>	Black Queen N Bettridge	Unknown J & G Menkens	Unknown T & C Cook
<b>Ferns</b>	Adiantum Fragrans T & C Cook	—	—
<b>Foliage</b>	Calathea Pinstripe J & G Menkens	Aglaonema Leprechaun N Bettridge	Aglaonema J & G Menkens

**Updates to Plant Names that should have their labels corrected are clearly marked in blue and bigger font.**

## Plant of the month: Van. Azure (Vandachostylis)

This is an intergeneric hybrid, Rhyncostylis gigantea X Vanda coerulea which makes it a primary hybrid.

It originates from south east Asia, which makes it a warm and humid growing plant.

I grow mine hanging in a high tunnel house under 70 per cent black shade cloth in among a whole host of orchids and Spanish moss.

The original potting mix was probably mix of bark and charcoal but the two plants I have are big and haven't been potted for years. The roots are in amongst the moss. They are watered every day in summer and not very often in winter as we seem to get enough rain. They do have slow-release pellets but are also fertilised with foliar products.

Grown in the right conditions and maintained, they do not need potting mix. As the weather has been cooler here than Bundaberg, the buds can often not last. This is only a short spike to what they normally are but the colour makes up for any shortcomings.



**Deborah Shield**

# Quake didn't shake Shield's growers' morning

Former professional orchid growers Deborah and Bob Shield downsized from Bundaberg to Cooroibah to be closer to family in Brisbane three years ago.

They now have one and a half acres and one long tunnelhouse plus a smaller orchid shadehouse.

More than 20 members enjoyed seeing the shade houses (one with 'old man's beard' to help the humidity) and delicious morning tea, then species talks from David Hunter and Deborah and Bob Shields as well as lots of answers to questions. The earthquake was just a brief interruption!

*Fay Knight*



## Fern info from David Hunter >

Trained horticulturalist and society member David Hunter gave a talk on caring for ferns at our August meeting and brought along plenty to illustrate his talk.

### NEEDED:

Show volunteers  
Cardboard boxes  
Newspapers  
Cakes and slices  
at show time  
Healthy plants you  
want to sell  
**AND**  
Prep your plants  
to bench at the  
show – novices  
please bring your  
orchids too.  
*See Julie for more  
Information.*



**Maroochydore  
Orchid Show  
at Buderim a  
success for our  
members too**

*Above: The Champions  
Table at Maroochydore  
Orchid Show.*

*Right: John Simmons  
was among the many  
judges, associate judges  
and trainees, several  
from our society,  
assembling to take on  
the benches.  
Some of our members  
also benched orchids  
successfully.*

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